NEW EARL OF PEMBROKE AND MRS FITTON
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clothes, and take a large white cloak and would march as
though she had been a man to meet the Earl out of Court
But now misfortune is befallen her, for she is proved with child,
and the Earl of Pembroke, being examined, confesseth a fact
but utterly renounceth all marnage 'Tis to be feared that
both will dwell in the Tower awhile for the Queen hath vowed
to send them thither.

7tl February * RICHARD THE SECOND ' PLAYED

Yesterday Sir Charles Percy, Sir Joscelyn Percy, the Lord
Mounteagle and some others of my Lord of Essex's followers,
came to some of the Lord Chamberlain's players and would
have them play that play of the deposing and killing of King
Richard II, promising to give them 405 more than their ordi-
nary to play it The players answered that the play of King
Richard was so old and so long out of use that they should have
little or no company at it Nevertheless at their request, and in
consideration of 403 , they played it this afternoon at the Globe,
when many of my Lord of Essex's followers were present

THE EARL OF ESSEX AND THE COUNCIL

To-day upon rumours that my Lord of Essex hath a design
to right himself by force of his pretended wrongs, the Council
sat at the Lord Treasurer's house, he being sick They have
sent to the Earl to come to them, but he excuseth himself So
Secretary Herbert is then sent for him, but he refuseth still,
alleging danger to his own person and pretending that lie shall
be murdered in his bed this night

8/A *February* THE EARL OF ESSEX'S TREASON

About 10 of the clock this morning (being Sunday), the Lord
Keeper, the Earl of Worcester, Sir William Knollys and the

Lord Chief Justice, on the Queen's command repaired to the Earl of Essex's house, and finding the gate shut against them, after a little stay were let in at the wicket, which was shut upon them and all their servants kept out Within the court was full of men, assembled in tumultuous sort, and at their coming in the Eark of Essex, Rutland, Southampton, and the Lords Sandys and Mounteagle, Sir Christopher Blount, Sir Charles Danvers, and many other knights, gentlemen and other persons